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CSA-69 Advisory Committee
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CSA-69 ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING Minutes Thursday, May 12, 2011

Members Present

Chambers, Pat – Santee Chamber of Commerce
Jackman, Larry - San Miguel Fire Protection District
Meadows-Pitt, R.N., Mary – Sharp Grossmont Hospital
Savage, Warren – Citizen Representative
Voepel, Randy – City of Santee

Agency Representatives Present

Eldridge, Brett – Santee Fire Department
Leigh, Bob – Santee Fire Department
Lorenz, Jon J. – Lakeside Fire Protection District
Parr, Andy – Lakeside Fire Agency

Members Absent

Bingham, James – Lakeside Fire Protection District
Clegg, Robin – Lakeside Community Planning Group
Fox, Ken – Santee School District Board
Howe, Kevin – Lakeside Union School District
Randazzo, Mike – Lakeside Chamber of Commerce

County Staff Present

Haynes, M.D., Bruce
Metz, R.N., Chief, Marcy
Pate, R.N., Rebecca
Yaghmaee, Saman

Recorder

Wolchko, Janet I.

I. CALL TO ORDER/INTRODUCTIONS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Warren Savage, Chair called the meeting to order at 4:13 p.m. Attendees introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A quorum of CSA-69 Advisory members was not present. The minutes from the February 10, 2011 meeting will be approved at the next CSA-69 meeting scheduled for September.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS/PETITIONS

There were no public comments or petitions.

IV. STAFF/AGENCY REPORTS

A. Budget Subcommittee Report

At the February 10, 2011 Budget Subcommittee meeting, the members approved and forwarded the Budget for FY 2011/2012 to the CSA-69 Advisory where the budget was approved. A quorum of the Budget Subcommittee members was available and the minutes from the February 10, 2011 Budget Subcommittee were approved.

B. Financial Report

The financial report reflected a ten month period between July 1, 2010 and April 30, 2011.

Revenue and expenditure amounts were slightly higher by approximately \$60,000 during the current fiscal year (FY). The projected surplus of \$600,000 will go into the reserve account.

Property tax and benefit fees may show a slight increase from the previous FY. Revenue from resident transports for FY 2010-2011 is \$2.8 million, compared to \$2.7 million in FY 2009/2010. Revenue from resident and non-resident transports by month shows an increase since February 2011. CSA-69 is expected to reach a revenue target of \$6.2 million in FY 2010/2011. At the next meeting, Mr. Yaghmaee will have the actual FY 2010/2011 numbers to report.

The cash flow and reserve for FY 2010/2011 are projected to be \$839,529.

Mayor Voepel complimented the County on how thorough the budget and financial reports have been and how easy they are to read and understand.

Larry Jackman asked if there would be staffing changes at County EMS to maintain the CSA-69 account. Saman Yaghmaee responded that EMS is in the process of obtaining internal approval to bring in additional staff or to devote more of our current staffing time to track the daily transactions in the CSA-69 account. This task was done previously by ADPI and it is now the County's responsibility.

C. Administrative Report

CSA-17 is implementing a resident user transportation fee which is going to the Board of Supervisors on May 24, 2011. There will be postings with a reference to ambulance rates going up for County Service Areas. This information does not affect CSA-69 or the current rates charged in that area. It is an addition to the ordinance that will allow billing of CSA 17 residents who are transported to a hospital.

D. Medical Director's Report

Offload delays were discussed at the hospitals. Offload delays are not just an issue with the emergency departments, but with the whole hospital to open capacity to accept patients. Every year a Capacity Plan is reviewed by the Hospital Association and providers, EMS and Public Health. The Capacity Plan has procedures that can be used to avoid offload delays.

When hospitals do not have bed space, it impacts the agencies. Response times go up when paramedic units are waiting to offload at the hospitals. Offload delays should be reported to the on duty ED Charge Nurse and if the delay is prolonged, contact the EMS Duty Officer so they can discuss the issue with the hospital.

During the summer months, the County often announces when the heat may be threatening to individuals in the community. One thing the organizations can do is to encourage people in the community to check on elderly neighbors to make sure they are not overcome by the heat.

E. Agency Reports

Santee Fire Department has not experienced a significant amount of offload delays since the last CSA-69 meeting. When medics experience offload delays they are encouraged to report them.

Lakeside Fire Department commented that when hospitals do not have bed space, the ambulance crews back up and are not available for calls. This creates a trickledown effect and causes offload delays and the mutual aid disparity with El Cajon.

V. CITY OF EL CAJON CONTRACT (Chief Marcy Metz)

On recommendation by the CSA-69 Advisory Committee, EMS and the City of El Cajon met to discuss CSA-69's contract with El Cajon and to talk about replacing it with a mutual aid agreement. With a mutual aid agreement, when the City of El Cajon responds to a transport in the CSA-69 area, El Cajon would bill for that transport according to their procedures; and when CSA-69 responds to a transport in the City of El Cajon, CSA-69 will bill according to their procedures. If the contract is terminated and renegotiated to a mutual aid agreement, there may be a risk where the City of El Cajon would possibly send CSA-69 residents to collections. There are approximately 10 El Cajon responses to CSA 69 per month. It was decided to discuss this at the next quarterly meeting.

VI. SET NEXT MEETING/ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be September 8, 2011.
Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by

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